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SUBJ: EC PREPARATIONS FOR DECEMBER OECD WORKING GROUP MEETING ON  
GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

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B. EC BRUSSELS 9356

1. ON NOVEMBER 10 JEAN-PIERRE DERISBOURG, THE EC COMMISSION DELEGATE TO THE OECD WORKING GROUP ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT TOLD US THAT THE EC COMMISSION HAS ARRANGED FOR A MEETING OF MEMBER-STATE EXPERTS TO BE HELD IN BRUSSELS ON NOVEMBER 26-27 TO DISCUSS THE COMMISSION'S PAPERS ON SURVEILLANCE AND DISPUTES SETTLEMENT, THE SAFEGUARD CLAUSE AND DEROGATIONS FOR BERLIN, THE GERMAN FRONTIER REGIONS AND SOUTHERN ITALY (SEE REFTEL A). HE HOPES THE TWO-DAY MEETING WILL RESULT IN A COMMUNITY POSITION ON THESE ISSUES. HE SAID HE WOULD NOTIFY THE MISSION OF THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING AND THUS GIVE WASHINGTON TIME TO PREPARE ITS RESPONSES FOR THE DECEMBER 8 WORKING GROUP MEETING.

2. THE NEWS ON THE EC DRAFT DIRECTIVE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT IS LESS FAVORABLE. THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (COREPER)  
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DID NOT DISCUSS OUTSTANDING DRAFT DIRECTIVE ISSUES ON

NOVEMBER 5 AS EXPECTED (SEE REFTEL B). ACCORDING TO DIFFERENT SOURCES, THE ITALIAN PRESIDENCY IS NOT PUSHING THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT DOSSIER. DERISBOURG SAID THAT HE MAY GO TO ROME TO TRY TO PERSUADE THE INTERESTED MINISTRIES TO PUT THE DRAFT DIRECTIVE ON THE AGENDA OF COREPER.MORRIS

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